

Senate Resolution 1110

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Murdock Elementary School for being designated a 2007
2 Georgia School of Excellence; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Murdock Elementary School has been named a 2007 Georgia School of
4 Excellence by the Georgia Department of Education, being among only 23 schools
5 state-wide to receive the honor, and was selected based on overall excellence and gains in
6 student achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Schools of Excellence program began in 1984 and has become a
8 badge of honor for schools across this state with schools in Cobb County receiving 39
9 Georgia School of Excellence designations since the program's inception; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Schools of Excellence program identifies two winning schools from
11 each congressional district in Georgia based on two sets of criteria: a school must rank
12 highest in its congressional district and also be among the state's top 10 percent of schools;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Murdock Elementary School meets this qualification, making it eligible for a
15 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Award nomination; schools chosen for this
16 category are required to meet Adequate Yearly Progress for at least three consecutive years,
17 to meet or exceed state mean scores in science and social studies, and have 100 percent of
18 the teaching staff meet Georgia's "highly qualified" standards; and

19 WHEREAS, Murdock Elementary School's mixture of dedicated teachers, hardworking and
20 involved parents, and prepared and joyful learners is the formula for the school's success,
21 according to Principal Natalie Richman; and

22 WHEREAS, Murdock Elementary School is equipped with tools to enhance instructional
23 activity with most components of the 21st Century Classroom already integrated, such as
24 interactive whiteboards, digital projectors, and wireless Internet, and its students receive

1 bilingual education beginning in kindergarten, with 40 minutes of Spanish taught weekly at
2 all grade levels; and

3 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity
4 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary group of students and faculty.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 join together to recognize Murdock Elementary School and commend it for being named a
7 2007 Georgia School of Excellence.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
9 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Principal Natalie Richman.